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## IN VACATION.

After hearing evidence in an assault case between man and wife, in which the wife had had a deal of provocation, the magistrate, turning to the husband, remarked: "My good man, I really cannot do anything in this case." "But she has cut a piece of my ear off, sir." "Well," said the magistrate, "I will bind her over to keep the peace." "You can't," shouted the husband; "she's thrown it away."—*West Virginia Bar*.

Mr. Justice Joyce, as vacation judge, has given practical illustration of his value of time, and shewn how many matters may be got over with great rapidity. The *Globe* gives an instance of his talents in this direction when he was at the bar. He was counsel in a case, the weather was hot, and it was approaching the time for the court to rise. Mr. Joyce, at the close of his opponent's speech, rose from his seat, looked at the clock, bowed to the judge, and sat down again. The judge, overcome with the consideration of counsel, instantly gave judgment in his favor.—*Law Students Journal*.

Soon after Lord Campbell was called to the bar, and had published the first number of his "Nisi Prius Reports," he happened (says the *Liverpool Post*) to be defending a prisoner, and having occasion to consult his client, he went to the dock, where he held a few moments' conversation with its occupant. He got him off, and the prisoner was immediately discharged. But Campbell's joy was soon disturbed, for, putting his hand into his pocket to pay the "junior" his quota for yesterday's dinner, he found that his purse was gone, containing several bank-notes. The incident caused much merriment, and was communicated to Lord Chief Baron Macdonald, the presiding judge, who said: "What, does Mr. Campbell think that no one is entitled to 'take notes' in the court but himself?"—*Ibid*.

"Am you guilty o' not guilty?" asked the colored justice of the peace, whose head looked like a cotton ball and whose eyes glared sternly at the prisoner over a big pair of steel-framed spectacles. "Not guilty, sah," responded the prisoner. "I neber did lif' dem tu'keys, yo' honah." It was clearly shown that he had stolen the turkeys, but the defence went right to putting up one of the most remarkable alibis on record. Seven men, all living in different parts of the section, made solemn oath that the accused was visiting their respective homes at the precise hour and minute of the alleged theft. "Am de defence rested?" asked the able representative of justice. "I reckon I mus'," answered the prisoner, who was conducting his own defence. "I gib dat shif'less Pete Clayton fou' bits to come an' swa' dat I wa' at his house, too, but he'll neber ea'n no money till dey gits to payin' fo' sleepin'." The prosecution pointed out the conclusive evidence of guilt and the impossibility of the prisoner's being at seven different places at one and the same time, but the justice took the case from the jury. "I am morally certing dat de 'cused stole dem birds, but I am hea' fo' to 'bey de laws ob evidence, even ef de bright effugerance ob ek'ity be obliterated. Dis prisonah could not been neste'in at dat coop when he was 'joying heself in 'bout all de houses in de deestrick. De prisonah am discharged wid de pribolege from de cou't to make sech settlement fo' de tu'keys as am mutuality 'greeable to both pa'ties."—*Detroit Free Press*.